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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 65.0 degrees, 4.6 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 26. Precipitation averaged 0 inches, 0.75 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 12 point above normal.

Reporters rated 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 24. This is 2.2 days above last year and 1.8 days more the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	6.1	5.2	107.9
2003	3.9	6.1	96.7
1999-2003 Average	4.3	5.7	120.6

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	4	19	62	15
Last Week	0	6	71	23
Same Week Last Year	0	1	79	20
1999-2003 Average	13	19	57	11

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Corn is roughly 96 percent dented, is six days ahead of 2003 and three days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Respondents estimate corn is 55 percent mature, about eight days ahead of last year and about two days ahead of the five-year average. Respondents estimate four percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is the four days ahead of last year but two days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 71 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 60

percent the previous year and 72 for the 1999-2003 year average. Seventy-seven percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 69 percent in 2003 and 81 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 48 percent mature, about six days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have 22 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about 10 days ahead of 2003 and about five days ahead of the five-year average. Farmers have five percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is about four days ahead of the previous year and slightly ahead of as the five-year average. **Potatoes** are at 90 percent harvested. This is seven days ahead of last year and eight days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 95 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 99 percent the previous year, and 98 percent for the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 95 percent complete, slightly ahead last year and about four days behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is 41 percent complete, about four days behind last year and nine days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 68 percent complete, six days behind last year, and about 10 days behind the five-year average. Thirty-eight percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. Vegetable growers have 76 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 76 percent last year and 84 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 37 percent of their crop harvested.

Weather conditions this past week were ideal for field work across most of the state. The exception were areas heavily effected by flooding from Ivan, saturating soils still wet from Frances. Growers throughout the state of Ohio harvested small amounts of corn and modest amounts of soybeans this past week. Producers planted winter wheat, chopped silage, and baled hay. Farmers living in areas hit by Ivan spent the week cleaning up debris and surveying damaged fields. Those who were not planting or harvesting crops visited the Farms Science Review in London, Ohio.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated at 67 percent good to excellent condition compared to 62 percent last week. Soybeans was rated at 63 percent good to excellent condition compared to 57 percent last week. Some low lying corn and soybean fields near the Ohio and Scioto rivers were destroyed by flooding from Ivan.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting	95	97	98	89	NA
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	41	51	59	29	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	38	42	43	27	NA
Corn dented	96	92	94	90	85
Corn mature	55	29	50	31	43
Corn harvested for grain	4	2	6	1	9
Corn silage harvested	71	60	72	48	NA
Cucumbers harvested	95	99	98	87	NA
Grapes harvested	37	34	51	30	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	68	78	82	66	NA
Potatoes harvested	90	83	80	88	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	76	76	84	71	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	77	69	81	58	52
Soybeans mature	48	26	44	23	NA
Soybeans harvested	22	5	12	6	8
Winter wheat planted	5	2	4	NA	29

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	23	48	19
Previous Week	3	9	26	44	18
Previous Year	2	5	23	48	22
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	11	27	46	13
Previous Week	4	11	26	47	12
Previous Year	2	6	27	49	16
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	26	49	14
Previous Week	2	5	28	51	14
Previous Year	1	4	19	53	23
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	9	24	46	17
Previous Week	4	11	28	42	15
Previous Year	2	7	28	47	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	65.4	5.9	0.00	-0.62	23.90	3.41	101	20	2837	0
North Central	64.7	5.2	0.00	-0.68	25.77	4.64	95	15	2800	5
Northeast	62.8	4.3	0.00	-0.89	29.07	6.90	86	10	2601	-34
West Central	66.3	5.9	0.00	-0.66	24.43	2.47	106	20	3014	59
Central	65.5	4.7	0.00	-0.71	27.90	5.56	100	11	3071	87
Central Hills	64.2	5.0	0.00	-0.74	31.91	9.45	91	12	2783	13
Northeast Hills	62.7	2.9	0.00	-0.78	34.65	12.34	84	2	2770	-40
Southwest	66.7	5.1	0.00	-0.79	23.86	0.64	108	16	3204	88
South Central	65.7	3.6	0.02	-0.86	30.88	8.74	101	6	3284	130
Southeast	64.5	3.7	0.01	-0.82	31.99	9.58	95	7	3050	79
STATE	65.0	4.6	0.00	-0.75	28.24	6.18	97	12	2961	44

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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